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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the listed documents on the attached PTO SB/08 Form. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination in the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed foreign and non-patent literature documents are attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following is a statement regarding the non-English language documents:

1. **JP-A-60-501776**: This document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent No. 4,595,661, which was cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed September 1, 2006.

2. **JP-A-63-096557**: This document is believed to be related to European Patent Application No. EP 0 263 401, which was cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed April 3, 2002, with an English translation of its claims; an English language abstract of EP 0 263 401 is also cited on the enclosed Form SB/08 and submitted herewith.
3. **European Search Report for EP 1 219 964 A1**: This is the European Search Report for EP 1 219 964, which is the European counterpart of the instant application.
4. **Dispatch No. 360369 (Notification of Reasons for Refusal in Application No. 2001-389544)**: This is a document issued by the Japanese Patent Office in the Japanese counterpart of this application. An English translation of this document is included with this document, beginning at the third page.

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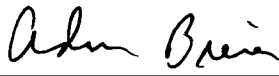
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